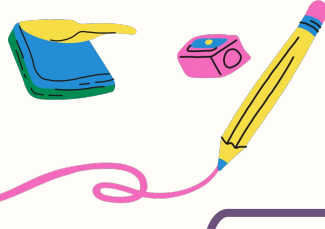


Heathwood

Newsletter

May 2026



Heathwood Lower School
Leighton Buzzard

"Our vision is for every child to develop a love of learning, to be curious about the world around them, and to feel a true sense of belonging. We nurture kindness, encourage children to be courteous and respectful, and celebrate the differences that make each individual unique. Through the development of essential life skills, we prepare our children to be confident, successful learners, ready for the next steps in their lives."

Designated Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns or worries, speak to one of the following:

Designated Safeguarding Officer is Jackie Wright
Deputy Safeguarding Officers are Paul Dicker and Talia Romaine

Preschool Safeguarding Officer is Tasmin Morrell
Designated Safeguarding Governor is Paula Bangs
Local Authority Designated Officer 0300 300 4825
Local Authority Centre: The Hub 0300 300 8585
Emergency Duty Team: 0300 300 8123

Diary Dates

May

4th Bank Holiday

7th Yr 3/4 Quad Kids

8th Mud Kitchen Launch: PTA Mud Cake Sale

11th Class R Assembly 3pm

13th Yr 1 Rushmere Trip

15th Yr 2 Teddy Bear Adoption

20th Class 1 Assembly 3pm

20th Yr 2 Cake Sale after school

21st Census Day (menu change see flyer)

21st - 22nd Y4 Residential

Half Term 25th - 29th

June

4th Yr 3 Cricket

4th Yr 4 Cake Sale 3.30pm

10th Yr 2 Cluster Sports

12th PTA Mufti Day: 'Bring a Bottle'

15th -19th Healthy Heathwood Week

17th Class 2 Assembly 3pm

18th Class 2 Trip

19th Fathers Day Enrichment 9.30- 10.15am

19th Sports Day 1.15 -3pm

24th New Class R Parent Lunch 12pm

24th Class 3 Assembly 3pm

24th New Class R 2026 Parents Evening 6pm

27th PTA Summer Fair 12-3pm

30th Reports sent home to Parents

30th Open classroom Yrs R-4

July

1st -2nd Transition Days

9th Yr4 Tennis Competition

10th Outside Achievement Assembly

15th Yr 4 leavers Day Events

- 12.15pm Parent Lunch
- 1.30pm Leavers Assembly
- Leavers Disco timings TBC

16th Hot Chocolate with Head

16th Mufti Winning House

17th Class 4 Hot Chocolate with Head

17th Class 4 Leavers Lunch

17th July End Of Term

20th Inset Day

Welcome to May!

The Summer Term has got off to a very busy and exciting start, with lots of fantastic learning already taking place. We have been reviewing progress and attainment, and we are incredibly proud of all our children and the excellent progress they made over the Spring Term.

We have another busy term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities and special events. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of dads to our Father's Day Enrichment event on 19th June, where they will be able to share in all the wonderful activities taking place during our Friday Enrichment mornings. This term's theme is 'The Great Outdoors'.

Class 4 are eagerly anticipating their residential visit to Chellington, where many fun and engaging learning experiences have been planned. We are also all looking forward to Healthy Heathwood Week—further details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Class R had a fantastic time at the zoo last week, which greatly enhanced their learning in their current topic, *Animal Safari*. Meanwhile, Class 1 are excited about their upcoming trip to Rushmere, and Class 2 are looking forward to their visit to Warwick Castle.

Attendance for April was an impressive 96.36%, well above the national average of 93.31%. Thank you to all our Heathwood families for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance—this makes a real difference to your children's learning.

As the weather begins to improve and we enjoy more sunshine, it's lovely to see summer uniforms being worn and the field being used for PE and lunchtimes. However, please remember that the weather can be changeable—children should come prepared with a raincoat or sun hat, and sun cream where appropriate.

Have a wonderful month ahead!

Mrs Wright
Headteacher

Preschool News

This half term began with its ups and downs, but now the sunshine is starting to peek through, brightening our days.

The children have been busy discovering how to enjoy the sunshine safely. Together we explored why hats, sun cream, and plenty of water are so important. Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive at preschool.



We would like to give a special thank you to the PTA for buying us 6 new cherry bulb fish and a new filter for our tank. The children have started giving us name suggestions and we will be asking parents to vote for their favourite names.

This half term, we have been teaching the children how to take care of our environment and the animals and insects that live in it. They have been helping to feed the fish and clean the tank. Looking after the tadpoles, watering and measuring the sunflowers. This week, our live caterpillars have arrived. The children have enjoyed watching them eat and talking about their life cycle.

Show and tell theme for the rest of the term is 'how you have been looking after something at home'. E.G. pets, plants

Governors News

The governors held a full governing board meeting on Wednesday 22nd April and the following items were discussed.

The budget for the forthcoming school year was discussed at great depth and was approved by the governing board so will now be submitted to the local authority.

A health and safety update was discussed and from the statistics presented the accidents involving the children are reducing steadily, which can only be a big thank you to our site agent who has worked diligently to try and eliminate risks to the children around the school.

We also ratified two new policies to add to the school's policies, which were Infection Control and Animals in School.

This summer's term is a very busy one for both the children, staff and governors. With Transition Day, Summer Fair and various sports events all taking place in a short space of time. We hope you will join us at the Fair.

Our Website

Think you've missed a letter or some important information about an up and coming trip?

Don't forget to use our website!

[Letters to Parents](#)

or copies of the Newsletter can be found here: [Newsletter](#)

You can also see what your child is learning by looking on the class pages.



School Food Standards

We are very proud of our food at Heathwood. We provide delicious, nutritious food cooked on the school site. We recognise that what the children eat in school is important for their health and their learning.

The Government are reviewing the School Food Standards as they have not been updated since 2014. If you would like to have your say please complete the attached survey.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-food-policy-team/school-food-standards-updating-the-leg-framework/consultation/intro/>

Healthy Heathwood Week

Our annual Healthy Heathwood Week begins after half term from 15th June. We have lots of activities planned for all the children, including Father's Day Enrichment, Sports Day and Food Technology lessons throughout the week.

As part of the learning during this week we also focus on Relationship Education; this is lifelong learning about physical, moral and educational development. It is about the importance of family life, stable and loving relationships, respect, love and care. The whole school will be involved in Relationships Education lessons tailored to suit the age of each year group. The Relationship Education scheme of work forms part of our statutory PSHE Curriculum and this is designed and resourced by The PSHE Association, which is an approved provider, and Pol Ed.

The focus for the lessons during Healthy Heathwood Week will be:

Class R: Differences

Class 1: Differences

Class 2: My Body My Business

Class 3: How did I get here? and Growing Up

Class 4: Changes

We truly believe that Relationships Education is an important part of children's education and from experience that it is most beneficial to learn alongside peers. Further information can be found in our Relationship and Health Education Policy on our school website.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w3WSOKN5vC06xTw6EAYhV5uvIZvxwjjcxhGIzHTR57Q/edit>

Attendance

At Heathwood Lower School, we know that good attendance is key to helping every child succeed. Children learn best when they are in school regularly, and consistent attendance gives them the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We also understand that attending school can sometimes be challenging, and that every family's situation is different. That's why we are committed to creating a safe, supportive environment and building strong relationships with both pupils and parents, so we can work together to overcome any barriers to attendance.

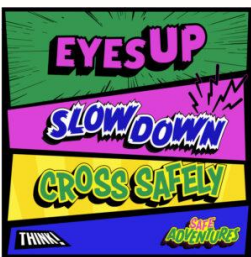
Across the whole school, we take a joined-up approach to attendance. This means looking at how areas such as the curriculum, behaviour, wellbeing, SEND support, and pastoral care all play an important role in helping children attend regularly and feel happy in school.

We are committed to:

- Promoting the importance of good attendance and celebrating its benefits
- Ensuring fairness and support for all pupils and families
- Keeping our attendance procedures clear and easy to understand
- Offering early support and working with other services where needed
- Building positive relationships with families to help remove barriers
- Working with other local schools and agencies
- Monitoring attendance closely to provide support where it's needed most

As parents and carers, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a full-time education, either through regular school attendance or alternative provision, in line with the Education Act 1996.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly—it truly makes a difference to their learning and wellbeing.



'Safe Adventures' supporting children as they move to secondary school

The Central Bedfordshire Council Road Safety Education Team would like to draw your attention to a new road safety campaign launched by the

Think! road safety website to help parents across the country prepare

their children for independent travel when they move to secondary school.

['Safe Adventures' supporting children as they move to secondary school – THINK!](#)

Our Value for May is Appreciation

- Awareness and recognition of qualities and values
- Expression of gratitude
- A favourable judgement or opinion

At school we will start by learning to appreciate ourselves and the qualities we possess. We will move on to raising awareness of the world around us and all the things for which we should be actively showing our appreciation, especially the simple things we tend to take for granted. The children will be reminded that "Thank you" isn't difficult to say but it means a lot to whoever is giving. We will stress that appreciation shouldn't just be shown when receiving material gifts but also for friendship, care and support. The importance of appreciating our environment, and showing that appreciation by looking after our surroundings, will feature this month as well as showing appreciation for those around us, our families, friends and people in school. A word of appreciation every now and then never goes amiss.

Quote of the month: "There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread." Mother Teresa

At home you could make sure that everyone says "Thank you" appropriately. Discuss as a family all the different ways that you can show your appreciation and put them into practice.

You may like to encourage your children to make a thank you card for someone who they appreciate; everyone appreciates something homemade which comes from the heart.



WOW



Let us know how your child has demonstrated this month's Value of Appreciation at home.



Summer Uniform

As we approach the Summer Term, and the warmer weather, our optional Summer uniform of short-sleeved white polo top (no tie), grey shorts and purple and white checked summer dresses, can be worn. (Children who choose to wear a shirt must also wear a tie)

Children in year R wear a white polo shirt and no tie.

We have lots of Summer dresses and shorts in all sizes available in the Office.



School Nursing Service

School nurses are part of Bedfordshire Community Health Services' 0-19 team. They can support your child with their physical and emotional needs from when they start school until they leave. You can access helpful information by following the [Link](#)



Children's Community Health HUB
Your one stop contact point

0300 555 0606
ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

Open 9am-5pm every weekday (excluding BH)

New contact number and email address for the Beds and Luton 0-19 services, including:

- Health Visiting
- School Nursing

New contact number for:

- Luton and Beds Community Paediatric services
- Beds and Luton Children in Care
- Speech and Language Services

Health HUB - a single contact point, making it easier for you to get in touch with us.



Luton Children & Adults Community Health Services
Bedfordshire Community Health Services



School Nursing Service

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School nurses are part of Bedfordshire Community Health Services' 0-19 team. Their team are made up of specialist nurses, staff nurses and support health professionals. They can support your child with their physical and emotional needs from when they start school until they leave.

Visit the [Bedfordshire School Nursing Service website](#).

School Nursing Paddlets

Child ready for school	Suberty	All things sea and jobs
Primary school health promotion	Anxiety	Looking after your teeth
Secondary school health promotion	Sleep	Smoking and vaping
Early SEND support	Behaviour	Housing

Is Your Child Weather Ready?



At this time of year, the weather can be very unpredictable. Please check the forecast with your child each day and ensure they come to school prepared with a named coat for rain, and a named hat to protect them from the sun.

When the weather is warm, we ask that sun cream is applied at home before school (once-a-day sun cream is recommended where possible). If your child brings sun cream into school, it must be clearly named and for their own use only. Please note that staff are unable to apply sun cream.

Sunglasses are not permitted in school unless they are prescription sunglasses provided by your child's optician.

Internet Safety

Please follow the link for a helpful leaflet on Protecting Children online. [Click Here](#)

Fundraising Events at Heathwood



Class 2 Invite you to:

ADOPT A TEDDY DAY

The teddy bear adoption will take place on the playground after school on Friday 15th May.

All proceeds to help fund Class 2's Trip.



50p per cake




CLASS 2

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Please support us in raising funds for our school trip.

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH 2026
3.30-4PM
HEATHWOOD LOWER SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND



CENSUS DAY

THURSDAY 21ST MAY

National School Census Day Announcement


On Thursday, 21st May 2026, we will celebrate National School Census Day. To maximize our potential funding, we urge all families with children eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals to take advantage of this benefit by opting for a free meal instead of sending a packed lunch. This applies to all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2.

The number of Key Stage One children who enjoy the free meal on this day has a direct impact on our funding. Unfortunately, students who bring packed lunches from home will not be counted, if your child normally brings a pack lunch from home and is nervous about trying a school dinner why not bring a packed lunch and try alongside your school dinner.

We kindly request that as many families as possible commit to having the school dinner on Thursday, 21st May, as this will help ensure our school secures the best possible funding for the year! We hope this initiative will also inspire children who typically do not participate in the meal program, encouraging more of them to enjoy school meals throughout the year.

The menu for the day will feature the usual Friday options for week 2, as we know the children enjoy them!

Thank you for your continued support.



Census day

- Chicken/ Vegan Nuggets
- Fish Fingers
- Sweetcorn
- Baked Beans, Spaghetti Hoops, Chips & Pasta.
- Cookie



HEATHWOOD LOWER SCHOOL

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR YEAR 4 LEAVERS EVENT

All proceeds will go to help year 4 celebrate the end of their Heathwood journey!

JUNE 4TH 2026
3.30PM - 4PM
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

If you would like to donate a cake or bake, please bring to school on the day. Thank you.



HEATHWOOD LOWER SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

June 27

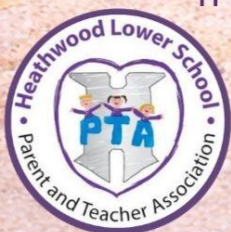
12 - 3 PM

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Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:15pm

Linslade Community Hall, Waterloo Road



KARATE, KICKBOXING, JIU-JITSU (AGE 7+)

Tuesdays 4:30pm – 5:15pm

SVRA hall, Linslade

Wednesdays 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Linslade Community Hall, Waterloo Road

KICKBOXING (AGE 7+)

Thursdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Linslade Community Hall,
Waterloo Road



LADIES SELF-DEFENCE (AGE 13+)

Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

SVRA hall and Linslade School



Linslade Warriors Karate Club



linsladewarriors@gmail.com



07976 292129





CALLING ALL 5 - 11 YEAR OLDS!

AllStars and Dynamos Cricket is back at Leighton Buzzard Town Cricket Club!

For information on the 2026 AllStars and Dynamos programme, and to sign up please visit

www.lbtcc.co.uk/allstars-and-dynamos



Leighton Buzzard Town Cricket Club

**Friday 8th May - Friday 3rd July 2026 [17:30 - 18:30]
(8 weeks, excluding May Half Term)**

Designed for 5 - 8 year olds

For more information on the AllStars programme and to sign up please visit www.lbtcc.co.uk/allstars-and-dynamos



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Activities may include

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(Activities vary by age, weather and day)



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Dates

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Summer Holidays**

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For more info:

brawnga@gmail.com

www.brawnga.co.uk

Happenings in the Parishes in May 2026

Parish Office Opening Hours

The Office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am to noon. For further information, please call 07502 320025 or email stleonardheath@gmail.com

Event	Date	Time	Venue
APCM for St. Nicholas	Tuesday 5 May	10.00am	St. Nicholas's Church, Hockliffe
Elevenses in the Church	Wednesday 6 May	11.00am to Noon	St. Michael's Church, Eggington
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 7 May	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Seasonal Lunch	Saturday 9 May	12.30 to 2.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Coffee Morning	Thursday 14 May	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Plant Sale	Saturday 16 May	10.30am to 12.30pm	St. Michael's Church, Eggington
May Fayre and Fun Dog Show	Saturday 16 May	1.00pm to 4.00pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Cream Teas	Sunday 17 May	2.30pm to 4.30pm	St. Nicholas's Church, Hockliffe
Little Fishes Group	Thursday 21 May	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Children's Service	Sunday 24 May	3.00 to 4.00pm	St. Nicholas' Church, Hockliffe
Tea and Cake Afternoon	Wednesday 27 May	2.30pm to 4.30pm	St. Leonard's Church Hall
Holiday Club Activity Morning	Thursday 28 May	10.00am to Noon	St. Leonard's Church Hall